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California Youth Fuel Surge in Online Voter Registration

SACRAMENTO – Over **560,000** Californians have used the [Secretary of State's Online Voter Registration](#) site to register to vote or update their registration information in the first three months of 2016. This surge of registrations has been fueled by Californians ages 17-25, who accounted for over **36%** of online registrations during this period. These numbers do not include traditional paper registrations. The next complete statewide report on registration will reflect statistics as of April 8, 2016, and will include registrations obtained both online and on paper.

“Online voter registration is empowering a new generation of Californians,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. “We are witnessing a wave of young Californians engaging in the democratic process. The timing says everything—they want to vote.”

562,238 Californians used the Online Voter Registration website to register or update registration information from January 1, 2016 to March 29, 2016. **204,785** of these online voter registrations were by 17-25 year olds.

“All eyes will be on California on June 7. It is vital that California voters cast a ballot to shape the future of our state and nation. The stakes could not be higher during this election season, and I encourage every eligible citizen to vote in the June 7 Presidential Primary Election,” Padilla added.

Key data:

- In January 2016, there were 92,278 completed new voter registrations or registration updates through the voter registration website. 36% of these registrations were by voters ages 17-25.
- In February 2016, there were 146,951 completed new voter registrations or registration updates through the voter registration website. 38% of these registrations were by voters ages 17-25.
- In March 2016, there have been 323,009 completed new voter registrations or registration updates through the voter registration website. Nearly 36% of these registrations have been by voters ages 17-25.

- To put this in context, in all of 2014 there were only 425,220 completed registrations or updated registrations through the voter registration website.

"This surge in online voter registration suggests that elections officials throughout our state should be preparing for a surge in turnout during the June 7 Presidential Primary Election," Padilla said.

"Online voter registration is quick, easy, smartphone friendly and available in 10 languages at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. If you've already registered, reach out to eligible friends and family about the importance of registering and voting in this year's election," Padilla said.

Secretary of State Padilla has made outreach to new voters a priority of his administration—addressing citizenship naturalization ceremonies, speaking to high school students, and discussing best practices for voter registration drives with college students across California.

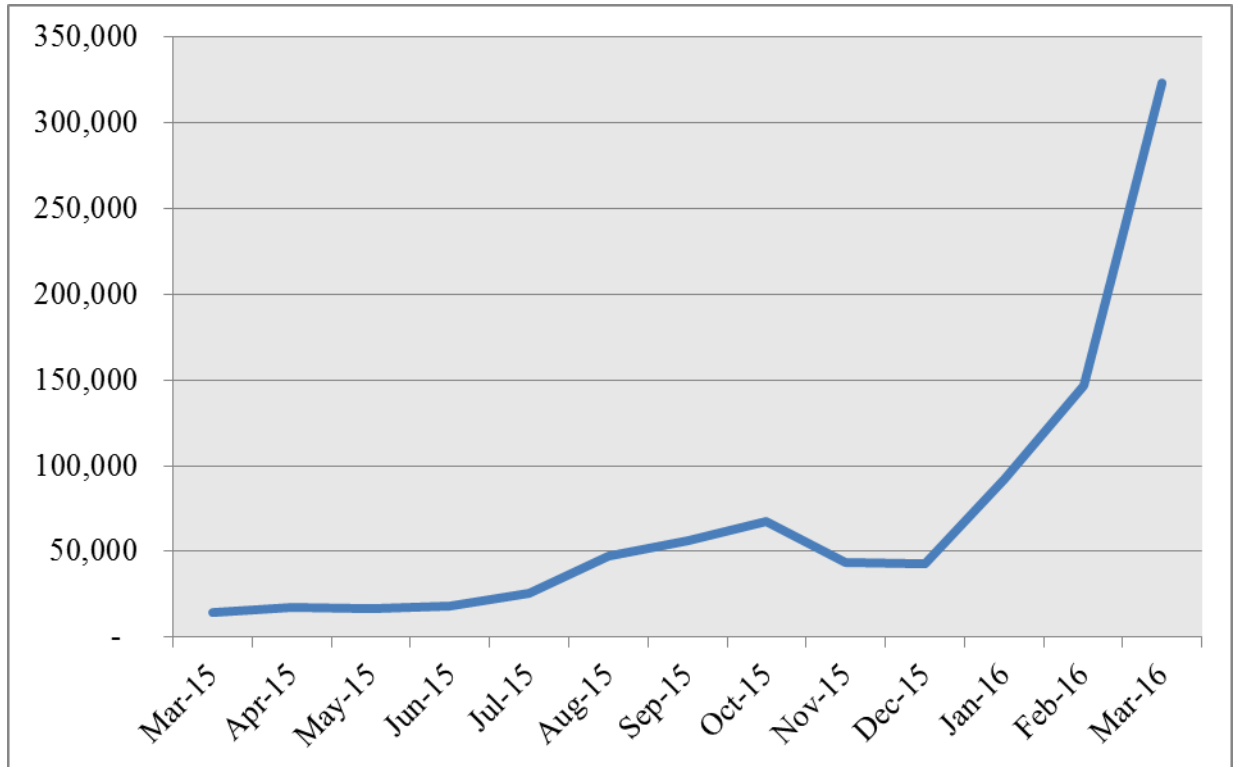
17 year old citizens, who will be 18 or older by the next election, can register to vote.

**California Online Voter Registration by Age Group
(March 1, 2015 – March 29, 2016)**

	Total	17-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66 +
March 2015	14,613	4,384	3,836	2,287	1,850	1,329	927
April 2015	17,176	6,289	4,293	2,352	1,786	1,410	1,046
May 2015	16,504	6,212	4,053	2,271	1,740	1,284	944
June 2015	18,021	6,584	4,694	2,528	1,793	1,462	960
July 2015	25,368	9,921	6,793	3,347	2,392	1,805	1,110
August 2015	47,740	21,513	12,318	5,724	3,776	2,659	1,750
September 2015	56,048	24,789	14,461	6,855	4,534	3,287	2,122
October 2015	67,344	26,138	19,634	8,531	5,736	4,375	2,930
November 2015	43,557	16,251	11,968	5,671	4,299	3,292	2,076
December 2015	42,768	15,062	11,900	5,774	4,498	3,392	2,142
January 2016	92,278	33,350	26,390	12,309	9,005	6,876	4,348
February 2016	146,951	56,139	40,304	19,179	13,691	10,623	7,015

March 2016	323,009	115,296	93,178	43,278	30,555	24,317	16,390
Totals	911,377	341,928	253,822	120,106	85,655	66,111	43,760
		37.52%	27.85%	13.18%	9.40%	7.25%	4.80%

Total CA Online Voter Registration by Month (March 2015 – March 2016)



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